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1. The Skoda Works branch factory at Podmokly (N50/L 26) was built in 1939 and called the W. Schmidding factory. In 1945 it was occupied by the Czechoslovak Army, civil production began again in 1946, and the factory was incorporated into the Skoda Works at the end of 1948. It now employs about 200 workers.
2. Administratively, the factory is divided into sections. These sections, and their products, are:
- a. Section I produces equipment and machinery for the canning industry, i.e., machines for washing and cleaning fruit and vegetables, pitting machines, canning machines, etc..
 - b. Section II produces distillery equipment.
 - c. Section III turns out equipment for the chemical industry such as water purifiers, autoclaves, and steel and aluminum boilers and reservoirs. Chief of this section is (fmu) Lekovic, and his deputy is (fmu) Svaty.
 - d. Section IV makes military equipment and is controlled by the Czechoslovak Army and occupied by the Military Technical Institute. Initial work on jet forms (tvarove) is done here, but only the inner pre-boring is completed. These forms are shipped to the Skoda Works at hradeck Kralove (051/G 71) for completion. Radar parts are made here and radar experiments are carried out. Prior to 1948 these tests were made at the Technical Institute at Slovanska St. 55, Podmokly.
3. Equipment at the factory is modern, a large percentage of the machines are new, and the laboratories are excellently equipped. Trucks and a branch rail line provide the factory with transportation. Security precautions are maintained by the Workers' Militia, but the Military Section is guarded by soldiers.

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